

ANDREW TEMPLETON.

[To accompany Bill H. R. No. 454.]

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MARCH 23, 1860.

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Mr. FENTON, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, made the following

REPORT.

The petitioner, Andrew Templeton, enlisted in the army of the United States April 11, 1814, for "during the war," and served till July 22, 1815, when he was honorably discharged. After the battle of Plattsburg, where he served, he was quartered in a tent during the cold, wet, and variable weather, from September till the latter part of December. He then went into barracks newly constructed of green timber, when he took a violent cold, which resulted in rheumatism, in consequence of which he was confined to the hospital. That disease, thus contracted, has continued to afflict him ever since, particularly in his leg and hips, rendering him lame and unable to walk, except with the aid of canes and crutches, and altogether incapable of laboring, except in a sitting posture. It continued to increase upon him until it resulted, many years ago, in his entire disability to earn his subsistence by manual labor. He is, and has always been, a good citizen, of temperate and exemplary habits, is without property, and is now seventy-one years of age.

These facts are abundantly proved by numerous witnesses, some of whom served with petitioner in the army, and others have known him ever since his discharge. Mr. Palmer, representative from New York, certifies that many of said witnesses are personally known to him, and are men of the highest respectability.

Petitioner's memorial was referred to this committee February 8, 1858. Your committee are of opinion that a pension of eight dollars per month should be granted to the petitioner, commencing February 8, 1858, and report a bill accordingly.

